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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Theresia RIESER *et al.*

International Application No.: PCT/EP2004/001135

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For: *LIGHT, TUBULAR FOOD CASING HAVING A TRANSFERABLE SMOKE FLAVOR*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified PCT patent application as follows to bring it into conformance with United States national stage filing requirements:

Amendments to the Specification are provided in the replacement text beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.